

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services, under section 17b-3 of the Connecticut General Statutes, intends to amend sections 17b-349e-1 to 17b-349e-9, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to establish the former Alzheimer's Respite demonstration project as a permanent Department of Social Services program. In addition, the proposed amendments add personal care assistant services to the list of respite care services administered by the Department; includes a provision that annually increases the maximum income and asset levels permitted for eligibility; expands the monetary cap on services per client; and makes several technical changes.

(A) The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address: The Alzheimer's Respite Care program was established in 1998 as a demonstration project. Public Act 09-75 changes the program's status from a demonstration project to a permanent program administered by the Department of Social Services. In addition, the amendment seeks to broaden the number of individuals accessing these services as well as to expand the scope of services available to them.

(B) The main provisions of the regulation are the following: 1) change the program's status from a demonstration project to a permanent Department of Social Services program; 2) increase accessibility of clients to program services and expands flexibility of respite care options by offering greater funding for care and more varied services to individuals receiving respite care through this program; 3) provide for annual adjustments to the eligibility asset limit requirement; and 4) provide personal care assistant services as a respite care service provided under the Alzheimer's Respite Care program.

(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all the ways the regulation would change existing regulation or other laws: The proposed amendment is made to comply with Public Act 09-75.

A copy of the complete text of this regulation is available, at no cost, upon request from the Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106; email: patricia.pion@ct.gov.

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding this regulation may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations & Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. Attention: Brenda Parrella, Director. A hearing will be scheduled on the proposed regulation if requested by fifteen persons, by a governmental subdivision of an agency or by an association having not less than fifteen

members, if notice of the request is received by the Department within fourteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

When submitting correspondence, please refer to Regulation Control Number 10-12/MPL.